GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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UTILIZATION OF COAL RESERVES FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to utilise its huge coal reserves for production of fertilizers and supply of feedstock as being done in other countries particularly China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the arrangement made for the supply of gas to urea producers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c) A senior level delegation from Departments of Fertilizers, Project Development India Limited(PDIL), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF) and Coal India Limited (CIL) visited China in June 2010 to gain first hand information on technology aspects, reliability, cost effectiveness, operating experience and other techno- commercial aspects of a coal gasification plant including production and supply of coal gas in China and also to assess suitability of adoption of technology in the Indian context. The recommendations made in the tour report is under consideration of the Department.

(d) The Department of Fertilizers has been taking up the issue of supply of gas to urea producers with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas from time to time.